

A Book That Shaped Me: Summer Essay Contest



The Library of Congress launched its annual summer essay contest, in conjunction

with public libraries in the Mid-Atlantic region, to encourage rising 5th- and 6th-grade students to reflect on books that have made a personal impact on their lives. The 5th annual “A Book That Shaped Me” contest is running now in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C.

Students entering 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2016 are eligible. Essays, focused on a single book, should be one page in length and must be submitted with an entry form, in person, at participating public library locations. The deadline for entries is Friday, July 18, 2016. The participating public libraries in Delaware are: all New Castle County Libraries; Wilmington and North Wilmington Libraries; and Delmar, Dover, Frankford, Laurel, Millsboro, Selbyville and South Coastal Public Libraries.

“A Book That Shaped Me” will award prizes to five finalists and one winner per state, and to three overall grand-prize winners. Top winners will be invited to present their essays during a special presentation at the 16th Library of Congress National Book Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Additional information and entry forms can be found here:

<https://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/booksthatshape>

About:

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The Delaware Division of Libraries, a state agency dedicated to unleashing the potential in all Delawareans in partnership with Delaware Libraries, offers free access to the online catalog (delawarelibraries.org); Wi-Fi; computers/internet; eBooks, programs/workshops, community partnerships, and more.

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